This is the story of the pier area at the resort of North Beach. The pier has existed for more than one hundred years. The hurricane in August, 1933 was referred to as the Patuxent Hurricane as the National Weather Service did not name Hurricane's at that time. This Hurricane wiped out Captain Oscar Marshall's Crab House, which existed at the end of the pier, the Bath House and other amenities that complemented the water front area.

A Seafood Restaurant was built at the end of the pier; the bath house was repaired and enlarged to include a movie theatre and dancing pavilion.

Uncle Billie's Restaurant and Arcade Complex was located on the waterfront on the left side of 5<sup>th</sup> street and Rose's Musical Bar and Arcade Complex was located on the right side of 5<sup>th</sup> street (see 1949 aerial photo)

Hurricane Hazel hit North Beach on October 15, 1954 and many of the water-front attractions were destroyed, only to be re-built later. In 1972 North Beach was hit by Hurricane Agnes and once again the citizens and Town elected officials rebuilt the water-front area.

### Ownership of these properties varied throughout the years, but the pier and beach were always a constant.

In 2003, Hurricane Isabel was considered a Tropical Depression, having been downgraded from Hurricane status before it hit the Town of North Beach. The significant amount of damage suffered during that storm came from the powerful water surge that eliminate many homes on Atlantic Avenue, wiped out sections of the pier and caused the sand on the beach to erode. 2017 was the summer of RAIN, which washed out some of the sand on our waterfront. Once again our beach was replenished.

#### Pier at North Beach

Has reinvented itself for more than 100 years and survived numerous hurricanes.

## 1904 – known as Capt. Oscar Marshall's Crab House



1904
Crab
House
Close up



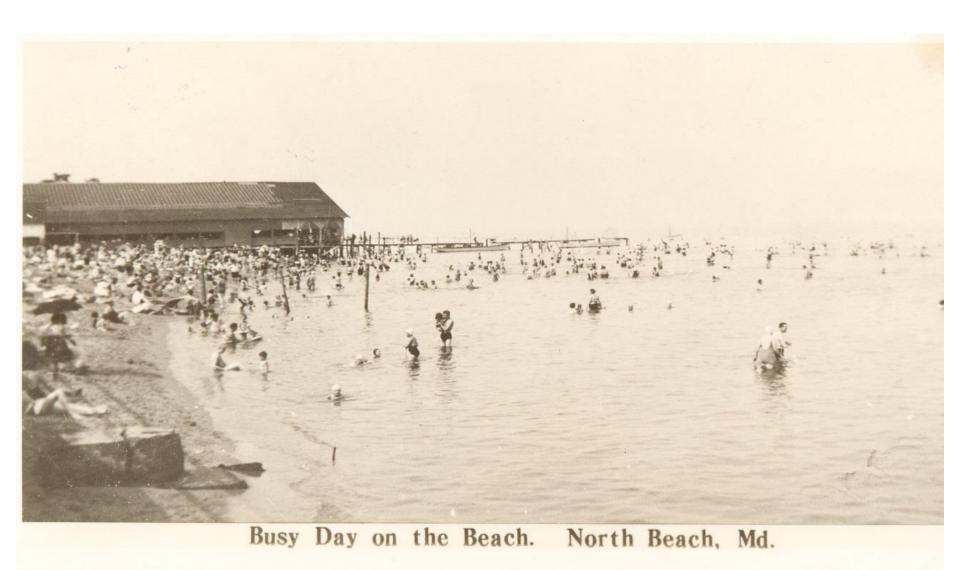
1908 – eating crabs became so popular that 2 crab houses were built by the Marshalls. One at the end of the pier, the other directly on the beach.



## 1928 Dance Hall and Bath House were added



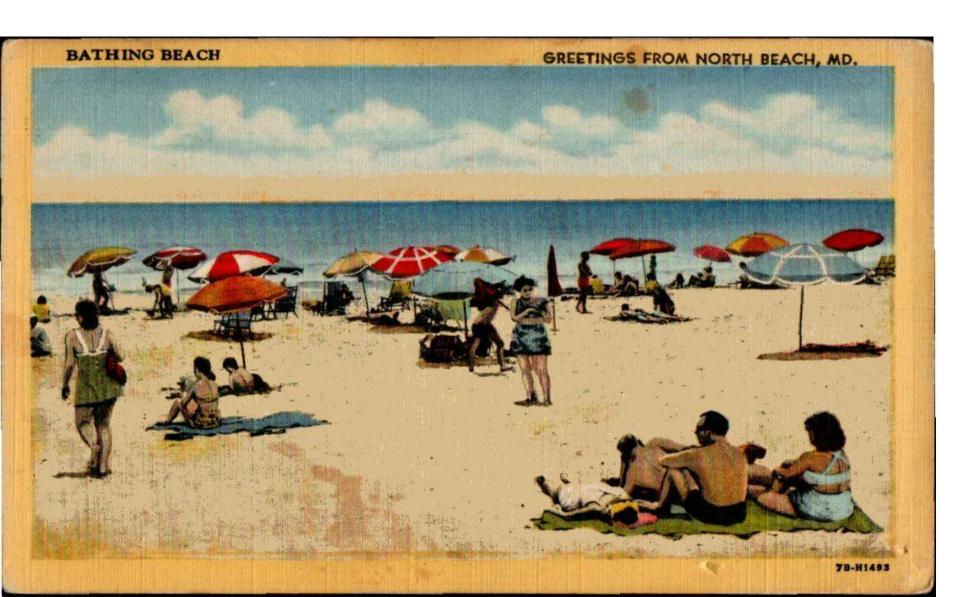
#### 1933 Hurricane blew Crab House away Bath House severely damaged – 18 deaths



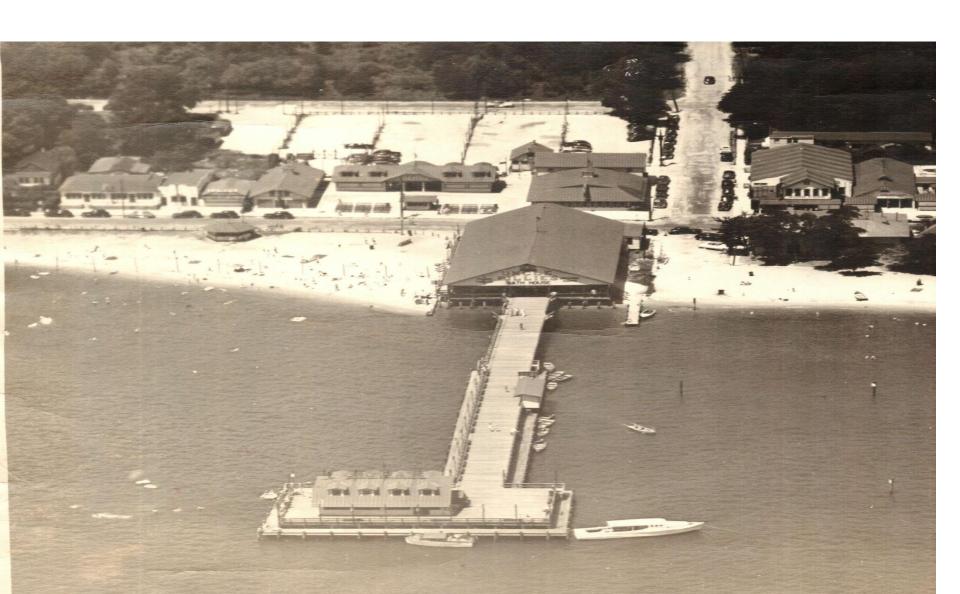
#### 1939 - Seafood Restaurant



## 1948 Bathing @ North Beach



#### 1949 Aerial of Uncle Billie's



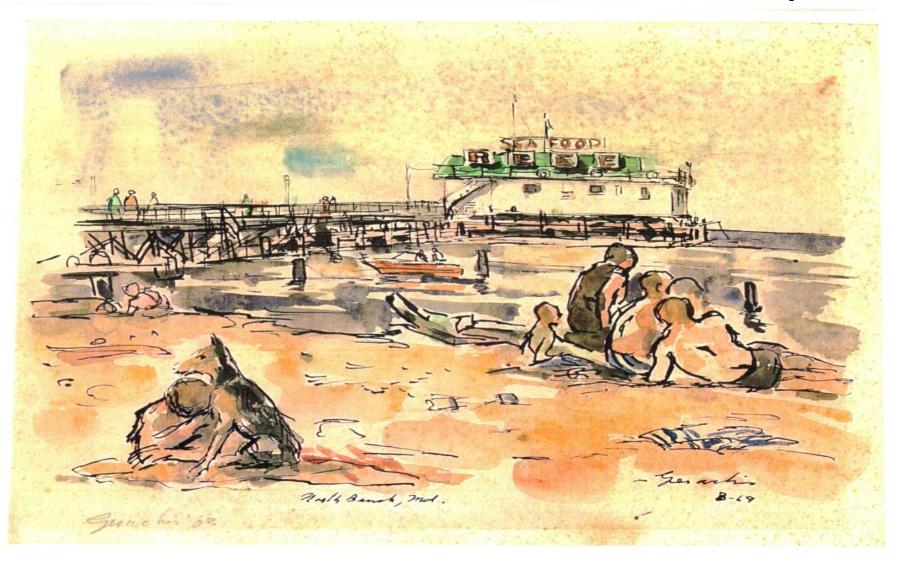
#### 1950 Bath House



# 1950 Sun Glasses, Beach Chair & Umbrella's, and Comic Books.



## 1969 Reef Restaurant at end of pier



## 2012 Fishing Pier & Beach



#### 2012 – Welcome Center



## 2012 Fishing & Swimming



#### THANK YOU